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AREA UNDER TEA CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total are of land under tea cultivation in each State of the North Eastern Region:

(b) whether the Government proposed to increase the area under tea-cultivation in these states; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

a) The total area under cultivation in the North Eastern States including Sikkim is given below:-

Name of the State	Area under tea # (in thousand hect.)
1. Assam	269.00
2. Tripura	6.70
3. Arunachal Pradesh	2.25
4. Manipur	0.95
5. Nagaland	1.27
6. Meghalaya	0.37
7 Mizoram	0.40
8. Sikkim	0.30
Total for N.E.	281.24
All India	509.40
% Share of N.E.	55.21

Estimated and subject to reversion.

b) and c): During the Tenth Plan period emphasis is being given on improving the productivity and quality of tea from the existing are rather than expansion of tea cultivation. In order to maintain a parity between the demand and supply of tea.